



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

946 WRIT PETITION NO. 12773 OF 2025

VIKAS NAMDEV BARGE

VERSUS

**THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND OTHERS**

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Thorat Chandrakant R.

AGP for Respondent/State : Mr. P.K. Lakhotiya

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**CORAM : R.G. AVACHAT AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

DATE : 14.10.2025

PER COURT :

. Heard.

2. The petitioner is seeking direction to the Respondent No.2/Caste Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner which is pending. It has been informed across the Bar that, the proceedings of the said caste claim are 'Closed for Orders' in the month of May-2025.

3. Considering the same, we direct the Respondent No.2/Caste Scrutiny Committee, to pass the final order within one month from today.

4. It is the contention of the petitioner that, he has received communication dated 24.09.2025, by which due to the non-submission of Caste Validity by him, his services are at stake.

5. Considering the same, we direct that, till the Caste Claim of the

petitioner is decided, the Employer of the petitioner, shall not take any coercive action against him.

6. We make it clear that the above protection will operate only till the caste claim of the petitioner is decided.

7. Writ Petition stands disposed of in above terms.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(R.G. AVACHAT, J.)

vsj..